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HON. ANDRÉ CARSON

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARSON. Madam Speaker, I am proud to introduce a bicameral resolution today, to express solidarity with and reaffirm the dire need to protect vulnerable and minority populations and their allies in Afghanistan under Taliban rule. I thank my Senate Colleague, Senator MARKEY, for his leadership on this urgent human rights issue.

The United States spent over twenty years in Afghanistan, in an endless war. It was crucial that we leave, and I applaud President Biden for commanding this effort and not leaving it as a task for yet another President. There is no good way to end a war without a decisive resolution; however, what we must not do is not leave innocent Afghan people behind. We cannot abandon the innocent women, children and families who have suffered through this war. We have a moral obligation to ensure that they are left with some system of government that respects and honors the international standards of human rights that our country has helped establish.

Reports have shown that Taliban fighters have explicitly targeted religious and ethnic minorities, abusing them with impunity, and have threatened Afghan journalists with violence. Similar reporting shows that the Taliban continue to target LGBTQI individuals, forcing them into hiding due to the threat of physical violence and attacks perpetrated by Taliban fighters. Women, in particular, are facing dire circumstances. Despite promises to the contrary, the Taliban leadership have re-instituted many of the draconian measures that characterized their previous rule. Restrictions on their freedom of movement, punishments for dress code violations, and constraints on their occupational and educational opportunities all severely limit the future of Afghan women—and subject them to gross injustices and violence.

The rapidly deteriorating human rights conditions in the country are exacerbated by the worsening humanitarian crisis, by which vulnerable and minority communities are disproportionately impacted.

I am proud to introduce this resolution today, which calls on the Biden Administration to work closely with the international community and nongovernmental organizations to support at-risk Afghan communities, including efforts to counter the growing humanitarian crisis that unduly impacts already vulnerable groups.

Madam Speaker, I hope my colleagues will join me in calling for the protection of vulnerable and minority communities in Afghanistan

under Taliban rule, especially during this humanitarian crisis.

**REMEMBERING DR. CHARLES C.
MARY, JR.**

HON. TROY A. CARTER

OF LOUISIANA

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Mr. CARTER of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Charles Callan Mary, Jr., M.D., a public servant who was inspired in life by his faith, education and a deep sense of purpose. He served the citizens of Louisiana with professionalism and humility over sixty-one years until his passing on February 5, 2022. He was a devoted husband of 58 years, father of 5, grandfather of 14, brother, uncle, and friend to many.

In his advanced studies, he soon recognized a calling that directed him to a pre-med curriculum at Loyola University of the South. Upon completion, he enrolled in Louisiana State University Medical School, graduating in 1961 with a Doctor of Medicine degree.

Dr. Mary completed an internal medicine residency at LSU's Medical School and then joined the Department of Medicine. He dedicated 18 years of his early professional life to Charity Hospital and its patients, staff and students, where he served as student, intern, resident, Assistant Clinical Director and then, in 1970 rose to the position of Medical Director and CEO. He felt in his heart this was his calling and Charity Hospital was his home.

Gov. Edwin W. Edwards appointed Dr. Mary as the first Commissioner of the newly created State Department of Health, Social and Rehabilitation Services, as well as State Health Officer in 1973.

In 1974, Dr. Mary went into private practice, founding the Mary Medical Clinic in New Orleans. He relocated his practice to St. Jude Medical Center in Kenner, and then Elmwood Medical Center in Metairie, where he would continue to practice internal medicine until his semi-retirement in 1997. He continued to see patients on a limited basis until Hurricane Ida in 2021. He also had a live local radio show called "Ask Dr. Mary," which aired every week for over 15 years.

Dr. Mary's faith was fundamental to his life's work. Starting as an altar boy at Our Lady of Lourdes and continuing throughout his adulthood, he served and participated in many capacities, including as: a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great; a Knight Commander of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; a Knight of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta; a recipient of the Order of St. Louis IX (Archdiocese of New Orleans); a member of both the Board of Regents and Board of Trustees of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.; and a member of the Board of Trustees of La Roche College in Pittsburgh, PA.

His involvement did not stop there—he embraced the love of Mardi Gras instilled in him

from his father respecting the traditions and celebrations of Carnival. Since his childhood, he remained active in the Knights of Babylon as a rider, an officer, board member and ultimately Captain and Capitan Emeritus after his father's 30 plus year tenure. Like every true New Orleanian, Dr. Mary was an ardent football fan (especially LSU and the Saints), an avid tennis player, a notorious joke teller and a lover of fine New Orleans signature food and libations.

The entire New Orleans community is grateful to Dr. Charles C. Mary, Jr. for his dedicated service to the field of medicine, his philanthropic contributions. His legacy will live on.

**HONORING THE FIRST RESPONDERS WHO SAVED THE LIFE OF
MORRISONVILLE FIREFIGHTER
BILL TODD**

HON. ELISE M. STEFANIK

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the incredible work of the Morrisonville Fire Department, Beekmantown Fire Department, Plattsburgh City Fire Department, Morrisonville EMS, and the N.Y. State Troopers who saved the life of fellow first responder, fireman Bill Todd.

On September 3, 2021, Morrisonville firefighter and lifetime member Bill Todd rushed into action after being called to the site of a fatal three-car crash. First responders from several departments quickly arrived at the site of the crash in Beekmantown and began to assist rescue efforts. During the emergency response, fireman Bill Todd collapsed, suffering a near-fatal heart attack. His fellow first responders instantly rushed to his aid, beginning CPR and shocking Mr. Todd twice with an AED. Once he was revived, Mr. Todd was brought to the University of Vermont Health Network and was then transferred to Fletcher Allen Health Care in Vernon for open-heart surgery.

After his open-heart surgery, Bill Todd spent time recovering in the hospital. When he returned home to Morrisonville in October, he was welcomed back with a surprise parade put on by crews from Morrisonville Fire, Morrisonville EMS, Cadyville Fire, Beekmantown Fire, District 3 Fire, Peru Fire, and South Plattsburgh Fire. Todd's family, neighbors, and friends greeted him with applause and cheers.

Bill Todd's fellow first responders went above and beyond that day and ultimately saved the life of another hero. The service of these incredible first responders can never be understated. I would like to thank the brave first responders who saved Mr. Todd's life that day, including Ted Gordon, Kevin Randall, Gary Brown, Nicholas Paine, Conrad Lavarney, Ryan Sponable, and Ryan Williams. The actions of these brave first responders represent the exceptional service

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